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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION: CRITICISM OF SENATOR JACOB JAVITS

1. LEADING MADRID DAILY YA IN A GUEST ARTICLE ON ITS EDITORIAL PAGE JULY 13 SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE SENATE FOR MIXING IN SPAIN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY CONSERVATIVE FORMER FRANCO-ERA MINISTER OF LABOR LICINIO DE LA FUENTE, TOOK THE SENATE TO ASK FOR CONNECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPANISH-AMERICAN TREATY WITH THE EVOLUTION OF DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN.

2. ARTICLE CITES EARLIER CRITICAL EDITORIAL IN CENTER-RIGHT ABC WHICH TOOK SIMILAR LINE AND POINTS OUT WITH SOME BITTERNESS THAT WHILE MANY SPANIARDS ARE LESS THAN HAPPY WITH THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, THEY DON'T FEEL IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ATTACH SUCH RESERVATIONS TO THE TREATY.

3. REFERRING TO A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MADRID BY SENATOR JACOB JAVITS, ARTICLE SAYS: "APART FROM AN IMPERTINENT  
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ALLUSION TO FRANCO, THE SENATOR WAS GENERALLY DISCREET.

BUT HE DID NOT HESITATE TO RELATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN TREATY TO THE RHYTHM OF THE EVOLUTION OF DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN."

4. DE LA FUENTE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT SPAIN HAS ENOUGH DIFFICULTIES WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND HER INSTITUTIONS OR THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HER PEOPLE. HE STATES "THAT HAVING THE U.S. SENATE PASS JUDGMENT ON THE ORIENTATION OF THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SPAIN BEFORE THE SPANISH NATION DOES SO WOULD BE PICTURESQUE IF IT WERE NOT SO GRAVE."

5. THE PAPER GOES ON TO SAY "MANY SPANIARDS ARE NOT TOO HAPPY WITH THE CONTINUANCE OF MILITARY BASES WHICH WE REGARD AS INCONVENIENT AND DANGEROUS COMPARED TO THE COMPENSATION OFFERED WHICH IS SMALL AND INSUFFICIENT."

6. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE SENATE'S RESOLUTION OF TREATY RATIFICATION REFERRED TO TREATY AS OFFERING MEANS OF "FORCING" SPAIN TOWARDS FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THE USE OF WORD "FORCE" UNDERLAY THE ENTIRE ARTICLE.

87. AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY CALLED DE LA FUENTE AND POINTED OUT THAT WORD "FORCE" DID NOT APPEAR IN SENATE RESOLUTION AND THAT THE WORD IN QUESTION WAS "FOSTER". REGRET WAS EXPRESSED THAT AUTHOR HAD CHOSEN TO USE A LOCAL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF RESOLUTION RATHER THAN CHECKING WITH EMBASSY.  
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